6. सैन्ट्रल काटन मिल्स, बेलूर, (प० बंगाल)

7. लार्ड कृष्णा मिल्स, सहारनपुर, (उत्तर प्रदेश)

8. आजम जही मिल्स, वरनगल (आन्ध्र प्रदेश)

Virginia Tobacco growers in Karnataka

386. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU. Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that virginia tobacco growers in Karnataka are facing difficulties because of non-availability of marketing facilities;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to help the tobacco growers in this State?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) A limited number of trade exporters participated in the Karnataka auction in September. The main contention of the trade was that they were not in a position to sell off their old stocks and, therefore, wanted extension of the credit limit from July to December, 1985. At the instance of Commerce Ministry the Reserve Bank of India has agreed to extend the due date for the repayment of their earlier loan from July to December in some cases and November in some other cases. Several rounds of meetings were held with the representatives of the trade by the Ministry of Commerce and by the Tobacco Boards. As a result of this the participation in auctions has improved. Adequate infrastructure exists for conducting auctions are in progress.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) and related papers

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table—

I. (a) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962:—

(1) G.S.R. No. 459(E), dated the 27th May, 1985, including 'Crude Naphthaline' under the Duty Exemption Entitlement Scheme, alongwith a statement showing the reasons for delay in laying the notification.

(2) G.S.R. No. 479(E), dated the 1st June, 1985, specifying materials as 'Deemed to be imported material' along with a statement showing the reasons for delay in laying the notification.

(3) G.S.R. No. 496 (E), dated the 17th June, 1985 exempting polyester and Nylon filament yarn from the levy of Customs duty along with a statement showing the reasons for delay in laying the notification .

(4) G.S.R. No. 497(E), dated the 17th June, 1985, exempting the goods imported under Notification G.S.R. No. 496, dated the 17th June, 1985 from the levy of auxiliary customs duty along with a statement showing the reasons for delay in laying the notification.

(5) G.S.R. No. 498(E), dated the 17th June, 1985, extending the vali-

dity of Notification No. 126/85-Cus. dated the 17th April, 1985 up to 31st March, 1988, along with a statement showing the reasons for delay in laying the notification.

(6) G.S.R. No. 693(E), dated the 29th August, 1985, waiving the end use bond condition in respect of certain specified items which have exclusive use in electronic industry.

(7) G.S.R. No. 694(E), dated the 30th August, 1985, extending the benefit of duty exemption scheme against Advance Licences to the import of Pen Point Alloy (Nib Points) along with a statement showing the reasons for delay in laying the notification

(8) G.S.R. No. 695(E), dated the 30th August, 1985, regarding import of ivory, unmanufactured animal brush, making bristles or hair, along with a statement showing the reasons for delay in laying the notification.

(9) G.S.R. No. 698(E), dated the 30th August, 1985, extending the validity of partial exemption from customs duty on glass shells up to 31st March, 1986.

(10) G.S.R. No. 700(E), dated the 1st September, 1985, exempting soda ash from basic customs duty in excess of 25 per cent *ad valorem*.

(11) G.S.R. No. 710(E), dated the 3rd September 1985, exempting certain varieties of wood imported from Burma from auxiliary duty of customs.

(12) G.S.R. No. 732(E), dated the 11th September, 1985, re-introducing concessional rate of basic customs duty of 20 per cent *ad valorem* on certain specified textile machinery.

(13) G.S.R. No. 733(E), dated the 11th September, 1985, prescribing concessional rate of auxiliary duty of 5 5 per cent *ad valorem* in respect of certain specified textile machinery.

(14) G.S.R. No. 744(E), dated the 18th September, 1985, increasing the rate of basic customs duty on regular viscose staple fibre from 35 per cent *ad valorem* to 55 per cent *ad valorem*.

(15) G.S.R. No. 749(E), dated the 23rd September, 1985, permitting the units operating in the Kandla Free Trade Zone to clear 5 per cent of their production as Rejects on payment of excise duty into the Domestic Tariff Area.

(16) G.S.R. No. 763(E), dated the 27th September, 1985, extending the validity of customs duty exemption of lead glass tubings and rods up to the 31st March, 1986.

(17) G.S.R. Nos. 767(E) and 768 (E), dated the 30th September, 1985 withdrawing the basic customs duty exemption on Dimethyl Terephthalic acid and also continuing the existing additional duty exemption on Terephthalic acid.

(18) G.S.R. Nos. 722(E) and 773 (E) dated the list 1st October, 1985 exempting steel plates and aluminium alloy extruded hollow profiles, shapes, plates and tubes for Krupp Man Light Metal Float Bridge for defence purposes from whole of customs duty.

(19) G.S.R. No. 780(E), dated the 4th October, 1985, increasing the rate of basic customs duty on improved varieties of viscose fibre like polynosic fibre-HWM fibre etc. from 40 per cent to 55 per cent *ad valorem*.

(20) G.S.R. Nos. 789(E) and 790 (E), dated the 11th October, 1985, exempting moulds and dies for manufacture of artificial plastic articles from basic customs duty in ex-

cess of 25 per cent *ad valorem* and whole of additional and auxiliary duties.

(21) G.S.R. Nos. 791(E) and 792 (E), dated the 11th October, 1985, exempting components for the manufacture of power transmission system for earth moving machinery from basic customs duty in excess of 40 per cent *ad valorem* and auxiliary duty in excess of 25 per cent *ad valorem.*

(22) G.S.R. No. 793(E), dated the 11th October, 1985, withdrawing the partial exemption from auxiliary duty on tin plate waste.

(23) G.S.R. Nos. 802(E) and 803 (E), dated the 16th October, 1985, exempting fogging machines from basic customs duty in excess of 15 per cent *ad valorem* and whole of additional and auxiliary duties of customs.

(24) G.S.R No. 804(E), dated the 17th October, 1985, exempting Nifampicin tablets and Rifampicin INH tablets from the whole of customs duty..

(25) G.S.R. No. 815(E), dated the 29th October, 1985, extending the validity of customs duty exemption on edible oils up to 31st March, 1986.

(26) G.S.R. Nos. 818(E) and 819 (E), dated the 30th October, 1985, exempting hot briquetted iron (HBI) imported by or on behalf of electric arc furnace units from the whole of customs duty.

(b) Explanatory Memoranda (in English and Hindi) on Notifications mentioned at (1) to (5), (7) to (10) and (14) to (26) above. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1454/85].

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs), under sub-section (3) of section 12 of the Government Savings Certificates Act, 1959:—

(1) G.S.R. No. 714(E), dated the 4th September, 1985, publishing the Post Office Savings Certificates (Amendment) Rules, 1985.

(2) G.S.R. No. 715(E), dated the 4th September, 1985, publishing the National Savings Certificates (VI Issue) (Amendment) Rules, 1985.

(3) G.S.R. No. 716(E), dated the 4th September, 1985, publishing the National Savings Certificates (VII Issue) (Amendment) Rules, 1985.

(4) G.S.R. No. 717(E), dated the 4th September 1985, publishing the Social Security Certificates (Amendment) Rules, 1985.

(5) G.S.R. No. 718(E), dated the 4th September, 1985, publishing the National Savings Certificates (First Issue) Amendment Rules, 1985.

(6) G.S.R. No. 719(E), dated the 4th September, 1985, publishing the National Savings Certificates (IV Issue) Amendment Rules, 1985.

(7) G.S.R. No. 720(E), dated the 4th September, 1985, publishing the National Savings Certificates (V Issue) Rules, 1985.

(8) G.S.R. No. 721(E), dated the 4th September, 1985, publishing the National Savings Annuity Certificates (Amendment) Rules, 1985.

(9) G.S.R. No. 722(E), dated the 4th September, 1985, publishing the National Development Bonds (Amendment) Rules, 1985. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1479/85].

III. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) Notification G.S.R. No. 723(E), dated the 4th September, 1985, publishing the Post Office Savings Bank General

(Amendment) Rules, 1985, under sub-section (3) of section 15 of the Government Savings Banks Act, 1873. [Placed n Library. *See* No. LT-1480/85].

IV. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification S.O. Nos. 4224 to 4243 and 4251 to 4253, dated the 14th September, 1985, exempting certian organisations under section 10(23C) (vi) of the Income Tax Act, 1961. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1449/85].

V. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification S.O. No. 685(E), dated the 19th September, 1985, amending the Wealth Tax Return Form (Form 'A') in the light of amendments made by the Finance Act, 1985, under sub-section (4) of section 46 of the Wealth Tax Act, 1957. [Placed in Libray. *See* No. LT_1447/85].

Report and Accounts (1984-85) of the Cashew Corporation of India Limited, Cochin and related papers

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Fifteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Cashew Corporation of India Limited, Cochin, for the year 1984-85, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the Comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Corporation. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1465/85].

REFERENCE TO THE RETENTION OF DIRECT AIR FLIGHT FROM MADRAS TO NEW DELHI AND VICE-VERSA

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now we will take up Special Mentions. Mr. Mohanarangam.

SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM (Tamil Nadu): Mr. Chairman, Sir, if you see the map given by the civil aviation department you can find that there are several routes out of which the route from Madras to Delhi is a very long route. I do not know the reason as to why once in five years the civil aviation authorities headed by civil aviation Secretary always changes the routes as well as timings from Madras to Delhi. Instead of having a direct flight from Madras to New Delhi they are operating the flight from Madras to Delhi *via* Hyderabad. I do not have any animosity if the Government introduces a new flight to Hyderabad or Bangalore. Since Madras is the gateway of the South India; and the number of passengers who travel is also more than on any other route in our country therefore, I do not understand exactly the reason for stopping the Madras-Delhi flight and *vice-versa* at Hyderabad. Sir, even the number of passengers if you take into account is more than on any other route.

When Mr. A. P. Sharma was the Minister of Civil Aviation, the same problem arose and I raised the same point on the floor of this House. Mr. Sharma had accepted our suggestion by changing the route from Madras to Delhi *via* Nagpur instead of *via* Hyderabad.

The passengers from Trivandrum and Cochin will also be flying to that place via Madras. When that is the case, I would request the Minister, through you, to restore direct flight from Madras to Delhi and *vice-versa*.